Transportation Problem Areas

Urban Congestion
Terminal/Port Development
Intercity Movement
Safety
Pollution
Noise

Community Effects
Aesthetics
Source of Funds
Program Management
Defense Support
Social/Economic Development

Many of the above basic transportation problem areas are not being pursued in the light of their inter-relationships within the national transportation system. They also do not show the influence of common R&D techniques and consolidated transportation planning statistics and are not taking advantage of sharing common test facilities and equipment.

It was to take this overall view of the national transportation system and of all its interactions that the Departmen was established. However, to develop an effective and cohesive Department:

• New programs must be initiated which are directly aimed at solving the critical problems required in developing a cohesive national transportation system.

 Procedures and techniques must be established for harnessing the specialized capabilities within the Department, so that their full force may be brought to bear on intermodal problems and issues.

B. New Program Requirements

The activities now being carried on by the Department reflect, in very large measure, decisions taken and programs initiated before DOT existed. Programs and the research efforts that are currently going forward do not yet portray the full impact of the existence of DOT. It is vital, therefore, to identify the major issues associated with the various objectives so that priorities may be established, R&D initiated and programs implemented.

The following outline summarizes the major issues, current programs and R&D needs by DOT objective. Al-